

Announcement

Richmond, Virginia, March 15, 1908.

To the People of Richmond and Throughout Virginia:

You are cordially invited to the formal Spring Opening of this store, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 17th, 18th and 19th.

Our buyers have been in the market for weeks past securing the choicest productions of Europe and America, and the merchandise we will have on sale is the most attractive in every way that has ever been shown in Richmond.

The Jefferson Hotel Orchestra will give two concerts each day of the Opening, from 11 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. and 3:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.

The store will present a beautiful appearance in its spring dress of rich merchandise, together with flowers and plants scattered throughout the building.

The Spring Opening of the Miller & Rhoads store is the most noted event of the kind in this vicinity.

It represents each season the accumulated efforts of all the years that preceded it toward making this store what it is--the greatest in the South and second to none in the country in its value and service giving.

The flowers and the music are but temporary adjuncts of the opening intended to add a little variety to the pleasure of the occasion.

The only thing temporary about the merchandise is the probable shortness of its stay in the store after you once see it.

Tuesday's program is as follows, including two solos by the celebrated boy soprano, Master David Love, of Atlanta.

Morning Concert, Tuesday, March 17th, 11 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

1. March.....Old Faithful.....Holzman
2. Overture.....Hungarian Lustspiel.....Keler-Bela
3. Spanish Serenade, La Paloma.....Balfour
4. Selection.....The Talk of New York.....Cohan
5. Soprano Solo.....The Merry Widow.....Selected Master David Love.
6. Potpourri.....Irish Melodies.....Boettger
7. Waltz.....Au Revoir.....Waldteufel
8. Intermezzo.....Le Secret.....Gautier
9. Selection.....Maid Marian.....De Koven
10. Two-Step.....Sweet Sixteen.....Mills

The Steiff Piano used at all these Concerts.

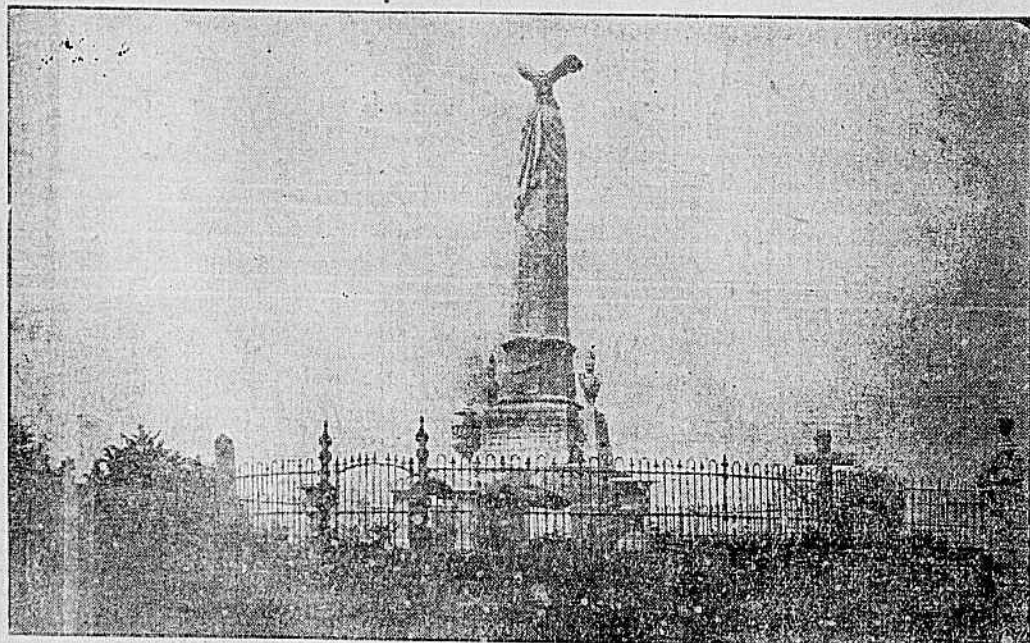
Afternoon Concert, 3:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.

1. March.....Velled Prophet.....Herbert
2. Selection.....Brinn Boru.....Edwards
3. Intermezzo.....On the Mesa-Grande.....Maurice
4. Medley Overture.....Popular Melodies.....Smith
5. Waltz.....The Merry Widow.....Lehar
6. Soprano Solo.....Master David Love.
7. Selection.....Wizard of the Nile.....Herbert
8. Morceau Orientale, Star of India.....Bratton
9. Intermezzo.....Cavalleria Rusticana.....Mascani
10. Finale.....Southern Airs.....Ross

Very truly yours,

Miller & Rhoads

HOW ANDREW JOHNSON ROSE FROM OBSCURE, POOR BOY TO BECOME PRESIDENT



GRAVE AND MONUMENT OF ANDREW JOHNSON AT GREENEVILLE, TENN.

His Burial Place in Tennessee to Be Converted Into National Park and to Be Cared For by the Government—Lessons for the Young in His Life.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, TENN., March 14.—A recent act of Congress providing for Federal care of the grave of President Andrew Johnson is about to become effective. Already the work of converting the burial-place into a national park, as provided in the measure, has begun. The reservation has been deeded to the national government, and henceforth the resting-place of Johnson is to have the same care as a national cemetery. It will be enclosed with a concrete wall, provided with walks and driveways, shade trees and other conveniences.

President Johnson died in 1875, and his body was buried on a high hill overlooking the town of Greeneville, Tenn., where much of Johnson's life was spent, and where he was engaged as a tailor. A handsome monument of white marble marks the grave, and carved in relief on the top of its spire is an eagle with outstretched wings, while the carving down the shaft from the top represents a drapery of the Stars and Stripes.

grave was one of his own selection. It is a picturesque spot, and has a commanding view of the Alleghany Mountains to the south and east. Naturally a beautiful location, it will be made a place of special charm, but all these years since the body of Johnson was interred there the premises, except the little spot known as "Monument Circle," have had a neglected, old-field appearance.

In the life of that great commoner, who climbed from the humblest and most desolate surroundings to the Presidency of the United States, there is much in the nature of unwritten history. That he succeeded in attaining to such eminence in spite of the fact that he could not read until after he had grown to manhood, breeds a thought that is full of inspiration to every boy to rise in the world.

It has been often published that Johnson's occupation was that of a tailor, and while this was his chosen work, it was never beneath his dignity to do any sort of honorable work for a living. As a young man he used to

to attain to distinction in public life. He, however, greatly admired Johnson for the pluck and determination which he displayed in rising from utter obscurity. Pointing to Johnson's picture on the wall, the gray-haired, tall and slender gentleman remarked calmly to the boys who were gathered about him: "That man has hauled wood for me many a day." The boys caught the inspiration in a most forcible way, and for some minutes there followed an interesting talk on the characteristics of Johnson, how he met and overcame obstacles, and how invincible he was in every undertaking. Every boy in the group was impressed that even the humblest individual in America has something out before him infinite possibilities.

Zeb Vance's Dream.

Close akin to Johnson in determination was Senator Zebulon Vance, of North Carolina. Both men were natives of North Carolina, and both were nursed in the cradle of obscurity. Both possessed the mountain grit and the ambition to surmount any and all obstacles, and it was this spirit that brought to each of them the rich reward and political honors in after years.

Zeb Vance had his dream of greatness while a young man, and he never dismissed from his mind the idea that he would live to see that dream fulfilled.

Vance received his education at Washington College, in East Tennessee, the oldest, chartered institution of learning west of the Alleghany mountains, and which was founded by Dr. Samuel Doak, the pioneer educator and minister, who prayed God's blessing upon the heroes of King's Mountain before they left Sycamore Shoals to fight the decisive battle of the War of the Revolution.

Vance and Dr. John J. Ensor, the latter still living at the age of 85 years, were schoolmates and close friends at Washington College.

As related by Dr. Ensor, whose home is in Bristol, he and Zeb, talked over for the future. The conversation took place one bright spring day. Both Vance and Ensor were on the program for the spring commencement exercises. They went to the grove to practice their speeches. After they had finished, they found a seat under an oak tree and indulged in conversation. Zeb inquired: "John, you are getting along in years now; have you ever thought anything about what you are going to make of yourself?"

"Well," replied John, as he relates it to-day, "I hardly know what to say about that, Zeb; but my people have all taken to the medical profession, and I guess I'll follow suit."

"Oh, d—n it, John," replied Zeb, "there's nothing in that; you'd better cut it out now. Every man ought to stick up a stake away out yonder and not stop until he gets to it."

"Well, have you got up a stake, Zeb?" was John's inquiry.

"I certainly have," replied Zeb. He then proceeded: "When I finish here, I am going back to North Carolina, and am going to represent my county in the Legislature. My next step will

be to represent my district in Congress, and then I am not going to stop until I cross the steps of the Capitol at Raleigh."

This was the stake set by Zeb Vance, and how he reached it and went on to even a higher stake is a well-known feature of our national history.

In all his promotions he did not forget his old friend and schoolmate, Ensor, and immediately after his inauguration as Governor of North Carolina he wrote Dr. Ensor an affectionate letter, recalling their boyhood days, and took occasion to remind him of the "stakes." In concluding the letter he attached these interrogations: "Didn't I tell you I had a stake up? Didn't I tell you I was not going to stop until I reached it? Didn't I get there, Eh?"

After that time Vance and Ensor met at Washington College, in about the year 1855, when Senator Vance came back to his alma mater to deliver the annual literary address. This was on the occasion of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of that college.

Weldon Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WELDON, N. C., March 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Renn, of Portsmouth, have been spending the week with relatives here.

Mrs. E. M. Uzzell, of Raleigh, is visiting her mother here.

Mrs. Pennie Daniel, of Roanoke Rapids, visited her sister, Mrs. T. M. House, on Washington Avenue, this week.

Rev. W. L. Ball, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, in Richmond, Va., has arranged to conduct a revival meeting of two weeks here, beginning Monday evening, the 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garrett, of Norfolk, who have been spending the week with friends in this vicinity, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Carroll entered informally at her home near Halifax, Friday evening.

Mr. James Mullen, of Petersburg, a son of Judge Mullen, of the Corporation Court of that city, has been visiting relatives in Halifax county.

Rev. Raymond Browning, of Littleton, has been conducting a ten days' meeting at the Methodist Episcopal Church here. The services will close Sunday. Great interest has been

shown, and quite a number of conversions reported.

Heathsville Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

HEATHSVILLE, VA., March 14.—Rev. L. C. Harrison is holding Lenten services in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church three times a week.

Mrs. R. H. Chilton and little son, G. Smith, are visiting Mrs. L. T. Smith.

Rev. L. C. Harrison returned Tuesday from a short trip to Richmond.

Mr. Frederick D. Brent, who has been attending the Smithsonian Business College, Richmond, is spending some time at his home here.

Mr. W. C. Snow has purchased a large farm in Westmoreland county, and contemplates moving his family there in the near future. His home in this town is for sale.

Mr. Vincent Eubank has returned to Baltimore.

Mr. A. Jackson Brent, of Richmond, spent a few days in this town recently.

Mrs. Boyd and granddaughter, Miss Nellie Boyd, of York, Pa., are visiting at the home of Dr. W. H. Boyd.

Miller & Rhoads

Mail orders filled at advertised prices.

Everything Advertised Below is of Special Value at the Price To-Morrow and Throughout the Week

Miller & Rhoads ALWAYS give full value received, both in quality and style in every article of merchandise that leaves the house.

To-day's news is concerned with new and up-to-date things that for one reason and another can be offered you at prices which make the articles "special" in the real sense of the word.

Special Values in New Silks

Our exposition of New Silks from 39c to 59c a yard has never been equalled for value in this store.

It is the duty of the experts of Miller & Rhoads to select with care merchandise that is both practical and lasting.

How well we've succeeded in Silks is shown by a few specimens we name to-day for your inspection to-morrow and during the coming week.

How much better values the fabrics are than average Silks at the prices we'll leave to your judgment.

Rough Dotted Suitings, 59c yard

24 inches wide, in the following combinations: Brown, with white dots; Alice blue, with white dots; champagne, with white dots; navy, with white dots.

Checked Taffetas, 39c yard

In brown and white, Copenhagen and white, navy and white, reseda and white, black and white; all five shades, in three different size checks.

Printed Pongees, 39c yard

Champagne grounds, with rings, dots and figures.

Pekin Stripe Taffetas, 50c yard

White grounds, with narrow stripes of gray, navy and brown.

Novelty Stripe Taffetas, 59c yard

Brown and white and navy and white stripes, with self-colored jacquard figures. (Main Floor, East.)

Spring Dress Goods Remarkably Low Prices

It isn't the fact that the selling price of these Dress Goods is actually from one third to one half less than the original price that alone makes the fabrics good values.

A cut price of itself never made a thing a bargain.

It's the fact that the goods are desirable in every respect for present use that gives strength to our offering.

Five specials—note them all:

\$1 Light Gray Suitings, 59c yard

56 inches wide.

\$1 Light-Weight Suitings, 49c yard

In tans, reseda, old rose and gray.

\$1.50 Suitings, \$1 yard

Light spring shades, in neat stripes and checks.

50c Suitings, 39c yard

In stripes and checks, in several shades of gray, 45 inches wide.

Cream Storm Serge, 59c yard

All wool, 37 inches wide. (Main Floor, East.)

Silk Petticoats, \$4.98

Thousands of Petticoats on the market at this price—but they're not like OUR PETTICOATS at \$4.98.

Extra heavy quality taffeta, deep sounce, with six small folds with stitched strappings; black, Copenhagen blue, navy, golden brown, tan, green; also changeable colors in purple and brown and purple and green.

We've sold tiptop values in Silk Petticoats in past years at \$4.98, but never anything that in quality of silk, style and finish equals our special for this season. (Second Floor, West.)

White Lawn Waists, 59c

No woman, no matter how well stocked her wardrobe is with White Waists, is likely to pass by these garments—nothing equal to them that we know of under 75c.

Good lawn front made of a panel of embroidery, with four rows of embroidery insertion, wide tucks at the shoulders, short sleeves. (Second Floor, West.)

Lingerie Cloth, 40 inches wide, 19c yd

An ideal piece of goods for making underwear and children's dresses.

Not quite as heavy as nainsook and twice as durable as any kind of lawn.

Soft, sheer fabric—remarkably cheap at 19c yard. (Main Floor, Centre.)

White Linen Lawn, 50c qual., 33c yd

Yard wide, every thread pure linen, sheer and fine. The best piece of linen suiting that we have at the price.

Just a bit of pure good fortune that came to us.

No more goods like it at 33c, when the present supply is exhausted. (Main Floor, Centre.)

50c to 89c Embroideries, 25c Yard

Allovers, 18 and 22 inches wide. Patterns for waists, baby yokes, etc. We've never had anything just as good at the price. The supply is limited. Shop early to-morrow morning.

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